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## BROTHERHOOD SPOTLIGHT

### Morgan Davies '24 Manchester, England

After spending last summer working in data analytics and business strategy at a stock exchange at the World Trade Center, Morgan plans to be an associate at Boston Consulting Group's Headquarters in Boston after graduating this spring. A Morehead-Cain scholar majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Public Policy, he loves consulting, real estate, and Manchester United. A recipient of the Duke of Edinburg Award, Morgan is a member of NC Fellow, TAMID Consulting, Institute of Politics, and Scholars of Finance and has recently served as our chapter's Brotherhood Chair. A positive personality, Morgan has left a long-lasting impact on our chapter.



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### Benjamin Wilson '25 Winston-Salem, North Carolina

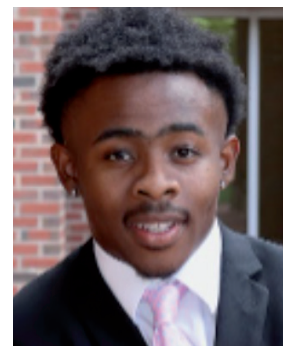
A Biology major with a Chemistry minor, Ben recently served as the chapter's Vice Archon Internal. A member of Carolina Barbell interested in Pre-med and health, Ben loves giving back to others and helping his community.



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### Neo Smith '26 Gastonia, North Carolina

A proud member of the Carolina Cheerleading team, when not cheering, Neo loves going to the gym, studying the Bible, and hanging with friends. He serves as the outreach chair for the Student Alumni Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Real Estate Club and National Technical Honors Society.



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# BROTHERHOOD SPOTLIGHT

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## Guillermo Estrada '27

Goldsboro, North Carolina

A Morehead-Cain majoring in Advertising and PR, after spending the summer working as an intern for NC House Majority Leader John Bell, Guillermo has found himself involved on campus as a member of the UNC Student Alumni Association Board of Directors. Guillermo has formerly served as an NC 4-H State President as well as a LatinxEd 20 Under 20 Listmaker. Some of his hobbies include painting, photography, and graphic design, and we could not be more excited to have him join our brotherhood.



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## Newest Brothers

We had a remarkable fall rush and could not be happier to welcome the 18 newest brothers of our chapters, the members of the 2023 fall class, the Alpha Deltas.

Preston Aldridge *Mooreville, NC*

Carter Andresen *Winston-Salem, NC*

Ben Barber *Atlanta, GA*

Hollis Brady *Cary, NC*

Matteus Butler *Pittsboro, NC*

Zach Cunningham *Belmont, NC*

Calvin DeVore *Mount Airy, NC*

Daniel Esquivel *Gastonia, NC*

Guillermo Estrada *Goldsboro, NC*

Kevin Garcia *Miami, FL*

Yash Gupta *Chapel Hill, NC*

Wesley Hanes *Chapel Hill, NC*

Finn Harris *Chapel Hill, NC*

Geo Kamel *Winston-Salem, NC*

Mason Nichols *Winston-Salem, NC*

Ryan Palmer *Long Island, NY*

Jake Rose *Wilmington, NC*

Matt White *Colfax, NC*



The Alpha Deltas (fall 2023 pledge class)

# Philanthropy

## War of the Roses

For the first time in the history of our chapter, this fall, we held War of the Roses (WOTR). This week-long philanthropy event raises money for our national philanthropy, The Ability Experience. Taking place September 12–15, the event consisted of ten sororities competing against each other to earn points. Each day had a unique and special event, making it fun for all involved while fostering a sense of community between sororities and our chapters.

Day 1 was **Pie-a-Pi Kapp**, where brothers gathered in The Pit (the center of campus), and people walking by could purchase pies to throw at our brothers in the face. Day 2 was **Puppies and Purple Bowl**, where Purple Bowl catered food in our backyard so people could have something delicious to eat, talk to brothers, and play with the energetic puppies we brought in from a local shelter.

Day 3 was a **Dodgeball Tournament**, where the ten sororities competed in a bracket-style dodgeball tournament, with Pi Beta Phi defeating Phi Mu in the championship. Finally, Day 4 was a grand **concert**, where everyone came together to listen to music in our backyard and have a good time. Quarters of Change performed and were excellent, and **Alpha Delta Pi** was announced as the grand winner of WOTR after accumulating the most points throughout the week.

The event could not have been possible without our sponsorships from local and national businesses like Red Bull, Purple Bowl, Purvel, Brandwein's, Liquid Death, and many more. Furthermore, it was huge for all ten sororities to come in and participate in our inaugural event. Overall, War of the Roses was a huge success that will become a staple of our chapter for many years.



Pie-a-Pi Kapp



Puppies and Purple Bowl



Dodgeball Tournament



Quarters of Change concert



# Alumni Engagement

**Kappa Council Annual Meeting** We welcome all alumni to join us for our annual joint meeting between the active chapter and Kappa Council on **February 17, 2024 at 10:00 am**. The meeting will take place in the Student Union on campus. We look forward to it and can't wait to see many of you there.

**Social Media** Stay in touch with up-to-date info by following us on social media. On Instagram, you can follow the current chapter's Instagram page [@pikappunc](#) as well as the new Alumni Instagram page [@uncpikappalumni](#), which is run by alumni. Additionally, feel free to visit our website, [uncpikapp.com](#), to learn more about the current chapter.

**Alumni Homecoming Weekend** On November 11, our chapter hosted our annual Alumni Weekend as our football team hosted Dook for the University's Homecoming Weekend. With over 70 alumni and their families in attendance, brothers, current and past, enjoyed an awesome afternoon tailgating in our backyard, socializing and eating delicious food before the game. Luckily, in a thrilling double overtime, the victory bell remained home in Chapel Hill as UNC took home the win. We can't wait to see you all again at next year's alumni weekend.



GO Pi Kapp!  
GO Heels!

# House Improvements

Over the summer and throughout the semester, Kappa Council has been refurbishing and improving our house. Listed below are the many new additions and upgrades.

- Installed two new metal rear double doors
- Pressure washed, rebricked, and remulched the front
- Repainted the exterior trim
- Stained the deck and bench in the backyard
- Deep cleaned and painted all bedrooms
- Repaired and cleaned the HVAC system
- Acquired brand-new washing machines
- Repaired and cleaned the ice machine
- Installed a new wifi system with routers on all three floors
- Provided new furniture in the Chapter Room, dining hall, and basement
- Installed a new trophy case in the foyer
- Put up a new Pi Alpha Plaque in the Chapter Room



New Tables in the Chapter Room



New Trophy Case (left) and Pi Alpha Plaque (right)



## 2024 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

*Archon:* Andrew Davis

*Vice Archon-Social Chairman:* Alejandro Herrera

*Vice Archon-Rush Chairman:* Gavin Zhu

*Treasurer:* Preston Aldridge

*Secretary:* Thomas Garofolo

*Warden:* Peyton Wilkins

*Historian:* Michael Novak

*Chaplain:* Jacob Blanton

*House Manager:* Ryan Andresen

*Risk Manager:* Joshua Phelps

*Standards Chair:* Stephen Versace

*Philanthropy Chair:* Guillermo Estrada

*Brotherhood Chair:* Luke Hutchinson

## QUICK LINKS

**Pi Kappa Phi National Organization**  
[pikapp.org](http://pikapp.org)

**UNC General Alumni Association**  
[alumni.unc.edu](http://alumni.unc.edu)

**UNC Student Stores**  
[unc.bncollege.com/shop/unc/home](http://unc.bncollege.com/shop/unc/home)

**Carolina Athletics Store**  
[shop.goheels.com](http://shop.goheels.com)

**UNC Rams Club**  
[ramsclub.com](http://ramsclub.com)

**UNC Ticket Office**  
[goheels.com/sports/2020/10/26/carolina-football-tickets.aspx](http://goheels.com/sports/2020/10/26/carolina-football-tickets.aspx)

# CHAPTER REPORT

## Andrew Davis '26

Archon

Dear Parents, Alumni, and Current Brothers,

My name is Andrew Davis, and I could not be more excited to introduce myself as the chapter's Archon for the next year. I am a Sophomore majoring in Sport Administration with a minor in Coaching Education. Last year, I served as the chapter Historian, gaining first-hand experience which has helped to prepare me for this role. With a brand-new young and eager Executive Council, I am very excited for the upcoming year.



Many new events were held this past semester, and due to their success, we, as a chapter, look forward to continuing these events for years to come. The first is War of the Roses, a week-long philanthropy event which you can read about in this newsletter. This competition surpassed all expectations, and I cannot wait to see it grow and progress next fall. Additionally, as promised in the fall newsletter last year, we increased alumni engagement by hosting an Alumni Homecoming Weekend. It was an awesome occasion, and I enjoyed meeting and conversing with former brothers. I look forward to seeing it become a staple of our chapter in future years.

Regarding details on the current state of the chapter, I have excellent news to report. We thrived during rush in the last two semesters, gaining 14 new brothers last spring and 18 new brothers this past fall. This brings the chapter to 89 active brothers. Out of this distinguished group, we have 9 Morehead-Cain Scholars, 1 Johnston Scholar, 1 Bodford Scholar, and 1 Rose Scholar.




In addition to excelling in the classroom, we thrive in all arenas across Chapel Hill. With 2 brothers on the UNC Cheerleading Team, 1 on the Division 1 Men's Fencing team, 2 on Men's Club Lacrosse, 4 on Men's Club Soccer, 2 on Men's Club Baseball, and 1 on assorted club sports like Men's Club Basketball, Men's Club Boxing, and Men's Club Water Polo, our brothers stay active succeeding in several athletic areas. Besides athletics, we have brothers flourishing in other fields, such as 2 in the prestigious a cappella group the Clef Hangers, 5 as board members for the Student Alumni Association, 1 as the Treasurer for the Board of Directors of the Daily Tar Heel, 1 as President of UNC's Helping Hands, and so much more. Our brothers are creating a positive impact in all areas of the local community.

Last year was outstanding, and I am so honored to have been a part of it. I am thrilled for the upcoming year as our chapter will continue to uphold our values in the classroom and community--continuing to grow and building off our success from the previous year. ODH Brothers, I cannot wait for a fantastic year.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### CHAPTER

-  **Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/pikapqhq/](http://www.facebook.com/pikapqhq/)
-  **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/pikappunc/](http://www.instagram.com/pikappunc/)
-  **LinkedIn Group**  
[www.linkedin.com/groups/12549492/](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/12549492/)

### ALUMNI

-  **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/uncpikappalumni/](http://www.instagram.com/uncpikappalumni/)

## Bob White '69

Bob White would have had a hard time seeing himself as the chapter advisor at a fraternity when he headed south. He said, "I grew up in Connecticut, was looking for a good business school, and wanted to go south; that's how I ended up at Carolina. I knew no one down here. In fact, I only had one date my first semester. Bob Richards, a guy in my dorm, got me into Pi Kappa Phi."

After graduation, White spent a couple of years in the Navy as an officer on an oiler and then it was back to North Carolina. He said, "By 1971, I was back in the area working for Ernst and Young. I served as the chapter advisor for a couple of years when the fraternity was on Finley Road."

White started a CPA firm in 1972 and within a decade he had started Raleigh Securities, Inc., specializing in investment portfolio management. He has served as president of the company for over 41 years.

He said, "I know it sounds like a cliché, but the fraternity was a wonderful environment in which to grow up. I look at the lifelong friends I have whom I'd never have met if I'd just lived in the dorm or an apartment. Pi Kappa Phi has been such a force in who I am."

Bob and his wife, Peggy, live in Raleigh.



## Mike Stout '84

In the summer of 2018, Mike Stout was 56 years young and the oldest bicyclist to ever ride in, and complete, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity's 3,000-mile Journey of Hope. The JOH is the fraternity's non-profit organization and event that raises awareness for kids and young adults with disabilities. Stout rode from San Francisco to Washington, DC.

After spending over 20 years owning and operating two of Chapel Hill's most popular bars/restaurants, Bub O'Malley's and Michael's, Stout took on the challenging role of house father and executive chef when PKP was refounded at 216 East Rosemary. He was an outstanding leader (2009–2020).

Stout said, "One of the amazing things about the refounding group was the diversity of interests and intelligence. We had some of the smartest guys I've ever met and they were wonderfully creative. And no, let's don't talk about them trucking several tons of sand into the new house for a beach party (LOL!!)!"

"Seriously, they immediately set a standard on campus and in the Greek community proving that Pi Kappa Phi was back in a big and winning way!"

Mike and his wife, Jackie, live in Chapel Hill.



## Cody Poplin '12

Cody Poplin described backpacking in the Himalayas in 2012–2013 as a “great experience!” But, considering his academic and professional journey since then, the Himalayas may have seemed understated.

Poplin graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Carolina with highest distinction with degrees in Political Science and Peace, War, and Defense. He was awarded the Russell S. Cowell, Jr. prize for achieving the most distinguished academic record in his department and is a member of the Order of the Golden Fleece. After Carolina, Cody completed a Luce Fellowship in India and a Scoville Fellowship in Washington, DC, and worked as an analyst at the Brookings Institution and managing editor of *Lawfare*.

Cody is a graduate of Yale Law School ('19), where he was an executive editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and a teaching fellow in constitutional law. He is now an associate in the Washington, DC office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, practicing in the Litigation Department in national security related issues.

He said, “Pi Kapp was a unique experience. Before and during my time as Archon (2011–2012), I learned so much about leadership; about how to rally people to a cause. The practical aspects of how to get people to buy into an idea have helped me in my work today. But, the most important thing has been the friendships. It can be difficult to make close friends after 30 and I have stayed wonderfully in touch with the brothers I made in Pi Kappa Phi.”

Some of Cody’s articles and publications include:

- *UNC Journal of International Law* (2023), “Keeping Sanctions “Smart”: Calibrating U.S. Sanctions Policy to Overcome Overcompliance” | [journals.law.unc.edu/ncjil/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/06/Smith-Poplin.pdf](https://journals.law.unc.edu/ncjil/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/06/Smith-Poplin.pdf)
- *Foreign Affairs*, “The New Great Game: Battle for Access and Influence in the Indo-Pacific” | [www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2015-09-29/new-great-game](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2015-09-29/new-great-game)
- *Warriors and Citizens: American Views of Our Military* | [www.amazon.com/Warriors-Citizens-American-Views-Military/dp/0817919341](https://www.amazon.com/Warriors-Citizens-American-Views-Military/dp/0817919341)

Cody and his wife, Adrienne, live in Washington, DC.



## In Memorium

### Bernard Earl Dotson, Jr. '66

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### Bill Gurney '78

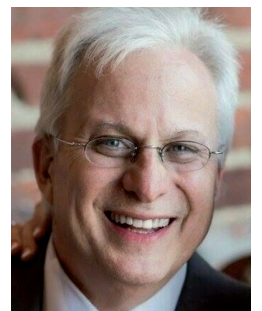
### Fred Durham Crisp, III '79

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Dotson



Crisp



# KAPPA COUNCIL REPORT

## Stuart Hicks '78

### President, Kappa Council

Fellow Pi Kapps and Parents,

Kappa Chapter is performing well scholastically and continues to rank #2 on campus amongst all fraternities.

The recent rush and member education efforts produced 18 new initiates, bringing our chapter size to 89 men.

Elsewhere in *216*, you will see details about a terrific group of accomplished students.

Three semesters ago, we communicated several behavioral stumbles the Chapter experienced, and we are pleased to report that the students accepted their one-year suspension by the University and National Fraternity, which required zero organized socials and alcohol in the house. During this 12-month suspension, they benefited from some key learnings and strengthened self-governance, and will complete this process in December.

Other progress:

- House Occupancy is up to 76%, with leases out for signature to achieve 100% in 2024–25.
- Account Receivables are much lower (not yet zero) but our students are learning the importance of steady vigilance and direct communication about personal accountability.
  - Rent prepayments were very high for 2023–24, and Dues prepayments were much improved.

We welcomed two new Kappa Council Directors, including members from our refounding class over a decade ago:

- Ryan Ferraioli '12, an investment banker in Charlotte, and a Chapter Treasurer as an undergraduate.
- Tyler Aiken '11, a wealth manager in Asheville, and a Vice Archon as an undergraduate.

The Board has continued to modernize Kappa Council operations. Most significantly, we have:

- Increased communication frequency and transparency with parents and alumni to better integrate them into the Kappa experience. Responses from both parents and alumni support this more active relationship.

- Commenced our one-on-one mentoring process between students and alumni, with 12 such relationships now underway. This includes self-defined cadences for 1:1 discussion about fraternity experience, studies, careers, internships, and post-graduate employment. Please reach out to us should you be interested in contributing in this high-value–low-time commitment way!
- Operationalized our professional third-party property management service (Alpha Fraternity Management), which greatly aided efforts to upgrade the chapter house. A multi-year asset management plan, including defined and routine preventative maintenance efforts, is underway. (See partial list of improvements in this issue.)
- Benefited from a tremendous gift of new tables and chairs for our Chapter/Study Room and Dining Room, generated through the relocation of the headquarters of our Charlotte-based Pi Kappa Phi National Fraternity. We are MOST grateful to the National Fraternity's guidance, support, and generosity!



We will hold another formal KC Annual Meeting (in-person and virtual) on February 17, 2024 at 10:00 am with transparent reporting about chapter and KC operations and treasury. More information to follow.

The experience of Pi Kappa Phi builds life-long friendships and offers continued learning opportunities for both our undergraduates and alumni. We are committed to stand together as we continue our journey of almost 110 years at UNC–Chapel Hill! We have confidence in the young men and new executive officers with whom we are building Kappa's future and invite your inquiries about how to become engaged in the process!

Feel free to contact me at [stuarthicks2301@gmail.com](mailto:stuarthicks2301@gmail.com) with any questions or comments.

**GO HEELS!**



## 2023-24 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Oct 27	7:30 PM	St. Augustine's (exhibition)	Chapel Hill
Nov 6	7 PM	Radford	Chapel Hill
Nov 12	2 PM	Lehigh	Chapel Hill
Nov 17	8 PM	UC Riverside	Chapel Hill
Nov 22	12 PM	Northern Iowa	Paradise Island, Bahamas
Nov 23	12 or 5 PM	Villanova or Texas Tech	Paradise Island, Bahamas
Nov 24	TBA	Arkansas, Memphis, Michigan or Stanford	Paradise Island, Bahamas
Nov 29	7:15 PM	Tennessee	Chapel Hill
Dec 2	2 PM	Florida State	Chapel Hill
Dec 5	9 PM	Connecticut	New York, NY (Madison Square Garden)
Dec 16	5:30 PM	Kentucky	Atlanta, GA (State Farm Arena)
Dec 20	9 PM	Oklahoma	Charlotte, NC (Spectrum Center)
Dec 29	8 PM	Charleston Southern	Chapel Hill
Jan 2	7 PM	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
Jan 6	TBA	Clemson	Clemson, SC
Jan 10	8 PM	NC State	Raleigh, NC
Jan 13	1 PM	Syracuse	Chapel Hill
Jan 17	9 PM	Louisville	Chapel Hill
Jan 20	2:15 PM	Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA
Jan 22	7 PM	Wake Forest	Chapel Hill
Jan 27	2 PM	Florida State	Tallahassee, FL
Jan 30	7 PM	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA
Feb 3	6:30 PM	Duke	Chapel Hill
Feb 6	7 PM	Clemson	Chapel Hill
Feb 10	4 PM	Miami	Coral Gables, FL
Feb 13	7 PM	Syracuse	Syracuse, NY
Feb 17	2 PM	Virginia Tech	Chapel Hill
Feb 24	2 or 4 PM	Virginia	Charlottesville, VA
Feb 26	7 PM	Miami	Chapel Hill
Mar 2	4 PM	NC State	Chapel Hill
Mar 5	7 PM	Notre Dame	Chapel Hill
Mar 9	6:30 PM	Duke	Durham, NC
Mar 12	TBD	ACC Tournament	Washington, DC (Capital One Arena)